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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE RUMORS

REFERENCE: MANAGUA 3328

1. AS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL, DEPARTMENT CONTACTED DAVE HARLOW OF U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY'S OFFICE OF EARTHQUAKE STUDIES IN MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA. HE CONFIRMED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH THE NICARAGUAN INSTITUTE OF SEISMIC INVESTIGATIONS ON PRESENT SEISMIC ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND NICARAGUA. SPOKESMAN STATED THAT NEITHER HE NOR THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY HAVE PREDICTED AN IMMINENT LARGE-SCALE EARTHQUAKE IN NICARAGUA, BUT THEY ARE AWARE OF THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE PRESENT SEISMIC ACTIVITY AND SIMILAR EVENTS IN ALASKA. A SPECIFIC PREDICTION IS NOT POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, UNDER THE PRESENT STATE OF THE ART. THE OFFICE OF EARTHQUAKE STUDIES IS CLOSELY MONITORING THE SITUATION, AND MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH THE NICARAGUAN INSTITUTE.  
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2. HARLOW VOICED CONCERN OVER ANY ATTEMPTS TO USE THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AS A SOURCE OF SPECIFIC PREDICTIONS. HE REQUESTED THAT THE OFFICE OF EARTHQUAKE STUDIES BE KEPT INFORMED OF ANY FUTURE REPORTS LINKING THIS OFFICE TO SUCH PREDICTIONS. HE ADDED THAT HE WILL KEEP THE

DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF HIS CONTACTS WITH THE NICARAGUAN  
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